

STIMULUS WATCH: WEEK 10

\$120,000 in Stimulus Money for Printing Pamphlets

- Last month, Senators Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) and Charles Schumer (D-NY) announced that \$120,000 in federal stimulus money would be spent on cleaning up the Onondaga Lake in Central New York. According to the senators, the federal money would help “improve the quality of life for residents in the area.”
- Unfortunately, that has proved inaccurate. Instead of cleaning up the lake or creating jobs, the \$120,000 will be spent on re-printing an almost 20 year old pamphlet that when last printed in 2001, cost \$13,684.74.
- Asked where Senator Schumer got the idea that \$120,000 would be spent on an infrastructure project, his spokesman responded, “We get our information from the White House. They send us stimulus announcements and ask us to put the information out.” No word yet from Vice President Joseph Biden, charged with overseeing the stimulus’s spending, on why \$120,000 will be used to print pamphlets instead of create jobs.
- Under the House Republican Stimulus Alternative, \$120,000 in taxpayer money would not have been spent on printing pamphlets. Instead, Republicans would have created twice as many jobs at half the cost. To learn how visit:
<http://republicanwhip.house.gov/Jobs/>
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